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CINCPAC FOR ADMIRAL GAYLER AND ABRAMOWITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING US-GOP NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: A. MANILA 1594; B. MANILA 1948

1. I HAD MEETING MORNING MARCH 5 WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS ON SUBJECT U.S.-PHILIPPINES NEGOTIATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, MARCOS REAFFIRMED THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ENTIRE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WE HAD DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, DESPITE DILATORY RESPONSES WHICH PHILS HAD MADE TO OUR VARIOUS INITIATIVES.

2. ONCE AGAIN, HE MINIMIZED THE MEASURE OF MODIFICATION
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WHICH HE WAS SEEKING IN OUR MILITARY AGREEMENTS, AND SAID

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HE FELT HE AND I COULD SETTLE THAT QUESTION "IN ONE OR TWO MEETINGS." HE REFERRED TO THE DISCUSSIONS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD WITH BYROADE AND TO THE VARIOUS PANEL DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD GENERALLY COVERED THE GROUND IN WHICH HE WAS INTERESTED.

3. ON THE LAUREL-LANGLEY NEGOTIATIONS, MARCOS SAID HE HAD CONCURRED IN THE TACTIC OF RETURNING OUR DRAFT TEXT BECAUSE HIS OWN ADVISERS WERE HOPELESSLY SPLIT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COUNTER-PROPOSAL. FURTHERMORE, HE FELT THAT HE HAD TO TAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS OUT OF THE HANDS OF VIRATA, "WHO HAD ALREADY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED HIS POSITION." IT WAS HIS SUGGESTION THAT HE AND I SHOULD HANDLE THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE MILITARY MATTERS.

4. I SAID I WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS LAUREL-LANGLEY MATTERS WITH HIM, BUT NEEDED SOME TANGIBLE PROPOSALS TO WORK WITH. IF I WERE TO PROPOSE MODIFICATIONS IN THE WASHINGTON TEXT, I NEEDED TO HAVE REVISIONS, EXCISIONS, AND ADDITIONS PROPOSED BY THE PHILIPPINE SIDE. ALTHOUGH I KNEW WHAT SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS WERE WITH OUR DRAFT, I DIDN'T KNOW PRECISELY HOW THEY PROPOSED TO MEET THOSE PROBLEMS.

5. WE THEN SKIMMED THE TEXT OF OUR DRAFT AND EXAMINED SOME OF THE SORE POINTS FROM THE PHILIPPINE POINT OF VIEW. MARCOS AGREED TO TAKE THE DRAFT AND HAVE HIS PEOPLE LOOK INTO REVISED LANGUAGE WHICH I COULD PUT TO WASHINGTON TO MODIFY OUR TEXT. IN PRINCIPLE, MARCOS INDICATED, THIS LANGUAGE WOULD MAKE OUR AMITY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS TREATY A "MOST FAVORED NATION" TREATY, WITH NO RPT NO MENTION OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY LAUREL-LANGLEY.

6. WE THEN WENT OVER THOSE SPECIAL PROBLEMS, WHICH BOIL DOWN TO LAND, RETAIL TRADE, LEASES AND CONTRACTS, PLUS RESIDENCY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT HAVING THESE MATTERS HANDLED IN A SEPARATE INSTRUMENT, POSSIBLY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, BUT NOTHING DEFINITIVE WAS AGREED. IT WAS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT INDUSTRY SECRETARY PATERNO WOULD MEET DIRECTLY WITH AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH THEY FACE. ONCE AGAIN, IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE LAND PROBLEM, MARCOS DREW CONFIDENTIAL

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A DISTINCTION BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL LAND AND OTHER TYPES OF LANG HOLDINGS. HE SAID HE EXPECTED A REPORT ON THE "CLASSIFICATION OF ALL LANDS" BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

7. FINALLY, AFTERSOME BRIEF MENTION OF VISA PROBLEMS, DOUBLE TAXATION TREATIES, AND TRADE PREFERENCE MATTERS, MARCOS AGREED THAT HE AND I WOULD MEET AGAIN AFTER THE VISITS OF DEPSEC RUSH AND THE SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN

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MINISTER, WHICH WILL CONSUME THE REST OF THIS WEEK, PLUS THE COMING WEEKEND.

8. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MARCOS IS TAKING ALL THESE NEGOTIATIONS OUT OF THE HANDS OF HIS SUBORDINATES, BUT THAT HE HIMSELF HAS BEEN TOO PREOCCUPIED TO GIVE MUCH CONCENTRATED ATTENTION TO THEM. HOWEVER, BY AGREEING TO TAKE BACK THE TEXT OF OUR DRAFT AND TRY TO PROVIDE US WITH ALTERNATE LANGUAGE, HE HAS AT LEAST ACCEPTED A TACTICAL MEANS OF GETTING OUT OF CURRENT INPASSE. I WILL HAVE ARNOLD FOLLOW UP WITH PATERNO BOTH ON THE REVISED LANGUAGE AND ON THE MEETINGS WITH BUSINESSMEN.
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